

EDITORIAL

Mother's Day

Long before we had a special Mother's Day, great men were saying great things of mothers that have been recorded. There was no Mother's Day when Lincoln said: "All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." It wasn't in a Mother's Day oration that Napoleon said: "The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother." It seems only fitting that in recent years a day would be observed, to honor the mothers. The thought has always been in the hearts of all. It required but a suggestion for an acceptance of Mother's Day.

So we come to the Mother's Day of 1951. It's another Mother's Day but perhaps a different one from last year for you. Mothers, like all good things, leave us and we may have only the memory where in other years we had her in person. Most of us like Mother's Day and it takes no particular urge to have its general observance. There is no proclamation from governments setting the day aside. There is no compulsion for its observance except that of the heart or conscience.

Wear a flower, send her a letter, give a gift, honor her memory, do as you wish, but it's impossible to let Mother's Day go by without every man, woman and child marking it in some special way.

Sunday is Mother's Day.

Common Words . . .

"Communism" and "democracy"—words that we hear every day. And yet their meaning has apparently become vague in many minds as "communist" is becoming associated automatically with people we don't like or we think don't like us . . . and anyone upholding democracy seems acceptable without further ado.

Just what are democracy and communism? impartially, and briefly, here are a few authoritative facts.

Democracy is a form of government based on the self-rule of the people and, in modern times, on the freely elected representative institutions and an executive that is responsible to the people. As well as a form of government it is a way of life based on the assumption that all men are equal and have equal right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". And this includes the liberty of thought and expression.

Although democracy was considered by Aristotle to be an inferior type of government, the fact that he considered it proves the long history behind our present form of government. "Democracy" comes from the Greek words for "people" and "rule".

It is interesting that a great nineteenth century philosopher, Immanuel Kant, thought that the only way for permanent peace to exist was to have democratic government in each separate country of the world and the ideal of the League of Nations and now the United Nations is a world of peaceful countries, all with self-rule.

And what is Communism? Communism has been adopted in the past by many who seriously believed it to be a solution to the world's problems. The name is loosely applied to a social organization aiming at the common property of the means of production or at an equal distribution of wealth, or both.

But, this has narrowed down in recent times to the doctrine which was Lenin's platform when he came into power in Russia in 1917 after the revolution. In this sense, the communism we hear of in Russia today is not the full doctrine of the main Communist theorist, Karl Marx, at all, and is attacked by theorists. Marx, in his writing, hoped that communism was a means to a better end—democracy. But there is no sign at all of this happening in Russia as far as we know. Lenin used minority rule and dictatorship which have apparently been carried on with just as much force by Stalin.

Communism, too, has quite a history. It began originally as a thoroughly philanthropic movement, based on the Bible. It is impossible to tell just what has become of Christian and even Marxist ideals in the Communism we know today.

Editorial Notes

An editorial writer in "Editor and Publisher" magazine of New York, pays the editors of weekly newspapers this compliment: "The publisher of the weekly does more hard work and gets less out of it than any other worker I know. He is the balance wheel and safety valve of the neighbourhood he serves. His influence is always for the good, and I salute him as Brother. He has my sympathies and is close to my heart. To make these few remarks for him gives me joy."

Ignorance or Confusion

Canadian readers of the New York Sunday Times must have got quite a shock at one of the "Fifteen New Questions" asked in that publication's regular feature the other day, says The Financial Post. This was: "What is Canada's capital?"

Over the years Canadians have become accustomed or reconciled to a good deal of American ignorance of Canadian geography. And now that the famous Quins are growing up, many of our good friends south of the border have even forgotten where Callander is.

Ignorance isn't confined to south of the border. For instance, how many are sure which is the national anthem in the U.S.A.—"The Star Spangled Banner" or "My Country 'Tis of Thee"? And even in Canada our national anthem seems to vary between "O Canada" and "God Save the King" depending of course on where you are.

We are not sure that it's so much ignorance as it is confusion caused by so many countries being discussed in so many papers and so little time to assimilate all the information that is available these days. Simple questions asked these days get many ridiculous answers. If you don't believe it just listen to some of the quiz shows or the Gallup polls.

14,000,000 In Canada?

Canada's population has more than doubled since the beginning of the century, and has increased fivefold in the last 100 years. When the count of the Ninth Decennial Census, to be taken in June, becomes available, it is expected that Canada's population will exceed 14,000,000, and it may possibly do so by a margin of 100,000 persons.

The population in 1951 of the nine older provinces will be approximately 13,740,000. A century ago it was 2,436,000, and in 1901 it was 5,371,000. Newfoundland's population — to be counted in a Canada-wide census for the first time, in 1951—has been tentatively estimated at 355,000. At the turn of the century the population of Newfoundland was 221,000.

The largest rate of increase in Canada's population took place during the decade 1901-11 when there was a rise of about one-third. But the largest absolute gain will be in the period 1941-51, when it is expected there will be an increase of 2,250,000 persons, without including the population of Newfoundland. In the first decade of the present century there was a phenomenal growth in the population of the Prairie Provinces, while during the past decade the largest rate of increase has occurred in British Columbia.

There has been a radical shift in the population from rural to urban areas in the last half century. In the 40 years between the Censuses of 1901 and 1941, the urban population rose from 3 per cent. to 54 per cent. of the total. The city-ward movement has accelerated during and since the war and it is estimated that approximately 60 per cent. of the population is resident in urban areas.

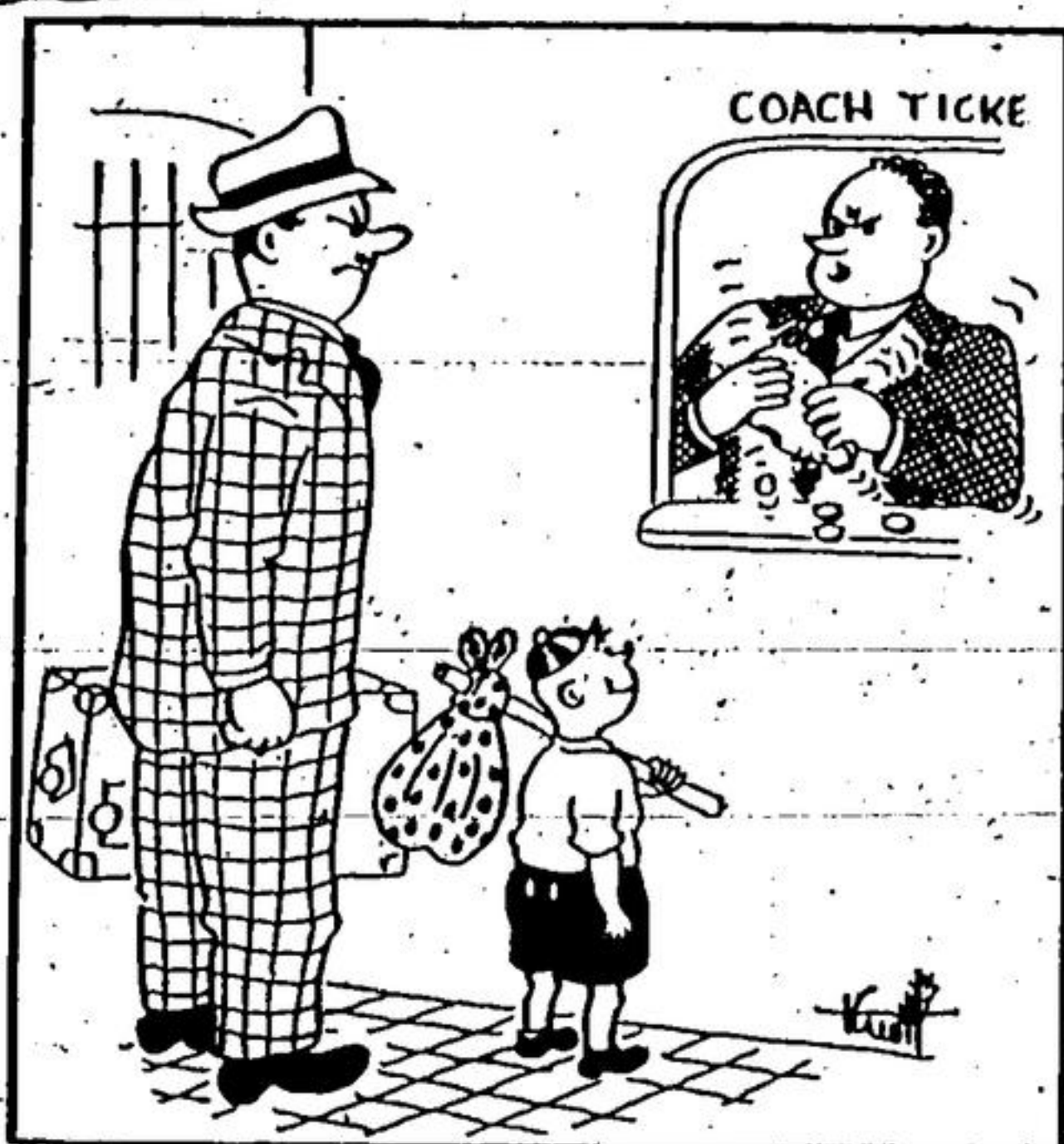
You Want -- Pay For It

The mail a newspaper often receives appears so contradictory. We mean the two-cent letters of propaganda from so many sources. We Canadians certainly have individualism. In this grist we find resolutions and articles asking for assistance to so many causes, institutions and various interests and producers. Then perhaps the next few envelopes opened will be articles on repealing of taxes and injustice at their imposition.

What we are constantly on the lookout for is a plan which will have an equitable approach to desires and a statement of how the project will be financed. When such a complete document is received it's really too involved to understand.

Why couldn't each appeal be self contained. For instance, possibly the lobby is for more money and greater grants for part of our educational system. The need is likely quite justified but why not a complete picture saying the amount that should be granted this phase of our life and how it is proposed to raise the amount. Don't let us just say it will be provided by some government or "they" but let's face the facts and say the amount will be raised by an increase in your cost of living.

It's about time we quit fooling ourselves that the other fellow will have to pay for the things we urge. The other fellow is likely figuring the same way. Our costs of living, our subsidies, our so-called necessities of every day living cost somebody and that somebody is you. If we want to care for the aged and provide more pensions let's make up our mind that "we" have to pay for it. It may be hidden in sales tax, income tax, gasoline, liquor or cigarette tax, but there are no grants or special service or wars that are not paid for by you and all avenues for your escape are closed.



"BE PATIENT, SIR! I'M SHAKING OUT HIS PIGGY BANK AS FAST AS I CAN!"

**THE GOOD OLD DAYS
MAY HAVE SEEMED
BETTER**

BACK IN 1901

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 9th, 1901

Council met on Monday evening. It was moved by H. Jeans, seconded by H. Swackhamer, that permanent pavements be constructed on that part of Mill St. to G.T.R. crossing on the local improvement plan, and that the solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-law for that purpose. Carried.

The letters from the authorities at Milton and Barrie re the curfew, reported that the by-law was a measurable success so far as it had been enforced.

Accounts amounting to \$61.93 were passed for payment.

Council wish it stated that all persons putting anything on the street to obstruct passage or frighten horses in contravention of by-law will be prosecuted.

Council adjourned at 10:45 p.m. Mr. Henry Scott the new weaver is turning out some very attractive carpets.

Palmerston is getting permanent pavements laid for 10 and a half cents.

China recently approached the powers suggesting that Manchuria be thrown open for foreign enterprise. Japan, the United States and England approved the suggestion but it is feared Russia will object.

Sitted coal ashes sprinkled about the burrows of ants will cause them to leave.

Mr. John Duff of Everton, who went to Scotland in March, arrived here with his two new stallions by G.T.R. on Sunday night. The fine new horses were much admired by numerous citizens and farmers at the Dominion House stables where they remained on Monday to rest.

Although the attendance was not as large as was hoped for, the sessions of Halton's Women's Institute held in the town hall last Wednesday, were of a highly interesting character. The ladies even condensed to have a map as chairman and asked the editor of the Free Press, Mr. H. P. Moore, to preside.

Ontario, Year 1889 Reflected In Find

Gen's fine \$1200 suits were selling for \$675. Two bottles of a sure cure for consumption could be had free by writing a certain Toronto address. Cash in gold was being awarded the winners of a Bible contest. And the Russian law that telegraph operators could only marry other telegraph operators was one aspect of Russian living that was considered odd.

An old Stouffville Tribune of October 18, 1889 was found this week by Arthur Engleby of Church Street as backing for an old picture. Removing the glass in the old frame, he found the copy of the paper.

As is usual in the old-fashioned papers, advertisements are in fancy decorative type with the printer's motto apparently "No two lines the same." There was very little local news and what there was congregated under one heading "Local Items."

One advertisement had the misfortune to find itself upside down grinder in the world.

The longest article in the paper was on three blind men and what they could do, with a short story apparently a regular feature.

BACK IN 1931

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 7th, 1931

Arbor Day, last Friday, was loyally observed with spring cleaning operations at the rural schools.

On Monday night the MacArthurites and the Dominion Inn boys staged another real battle for the Euchre Championship crown. A special report from the official score of 51 points. Captain John Mellor was without his two "ringers" Doctor Cone and J. M. MacDonald so came out on the short end of the scoring.

Mr. L. B. Shorey who has been the courteous and efficient manager of the Bank of Montreal here, received word last week that he will be transferred this month to Bobcaygeon. The best wishes of all will go with Mr. and Mrs. Shorey to their new surroundings. Mr. J. S. Davidson, of Winnipeg, will be the new Manager in charge of the Acton branch.

The Presbyterian Manse, Georgetown, was the scene of a quiet wedding on Saturday, April 25th, when Helen, young daughter of Mr. Joseph Leslie McMenemy was married to James Cecil Cripps, of Acton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cripps, of Acton.

Acton Public School captured the most points at the Halton Musical Festival winning the silver cup for Acton School. Frances Chisholm, Vernon Agnew and William Hall won solo contests and Acton Boys' Choir won first place and Senior mixed choir second.

The Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church held a pleasant informal social evening when the Hockey Club boys were the guests of honor.

Manager Eddie Ryder has two teams lined up for a ball game on Saturday afternoon. "The Yankigans" and "the Regulars" will play it up but he isn't sure which are the Regulars yet.

DIED
HENDERSON — Suddenly, at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Ill. on Sunday, May 3, 1931, John A. Henderson, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, eldest son of the late Hon. David Henderson.

High Voltage Wire Causes Class Halt

Almost all classes at both the public and high schools were cancelled on Monday morning as there was no electric power in the two schools.

The wires which had been taken down on Saturday when the big elm was cut down were to be replaced on Sunday. When electricians found that branches of the big tree were still interfering with the line of the wire, they postponed the task. Had the wires been put up and then knocked down again when the tree was moved, it was explained, their 400 volts might have caused a serious or even fatal accident.

When the branches of the old elm were removed on Monday morning the wires were again attached to the school as soon as possible.

Classes were resumed Monday afternoon as usual at the public school and at the high school on Tuesday morning.

The only class which did not need to be let out as the room was heated by oil was Miss Bentley's, held in a self contained building on the school grounds.

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SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Family Day. A beautiful service—christenings, baptisms, service of reception, life membership, art bulletin, appropriate music.
6.30 p.m.—A full half hour of the recorded singing of our own Choir and congregation.
7.00 p.m.—What is a Christian? Sermon 2 in series.

Presbyterian Church in Canada
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SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1951
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Divine Worship.
ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Alban's Church
(Anglican)
Rector—Rev. W. G. Luxton, B.A.
SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1951
Whitsunday
9.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
Junior Confirmation Class Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Adult Group 8.15 p.m.
A Welcome Awaits You

Baptist Church
ACTON
SUNDAY, MAY 13th, 1951
10.30 a.m.—Sunday School special Mothers' Day service.
11.30 a.m.—Rev. W. N. McDonald, Galt, Ont.
7.00 p.m.—Evening service conducted by Rev. Hugh James, Cheltenham, Ont. Soloist, Mrs. Hutchison.
Week night meetings
Friday—4 p.m., Mission Band for primary; 4.30 p.m., Mission Band for older classes; 8 p.m., B.Y.P.U. under direction of Bert Boyd.
Tuesday, May 15—Mission Circle annual business meeting and election of officers at home of Mrs. G. Wagner.
Wednesday, May 16—8.30 p.m. Prayer meeting.

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GRAY COACH LINES
Daylight Saving Time
COACHES LEAVE ACTON
Eastbound
6:38 a.m.; 8:58 a.m.; 11:23 a.m.; 2:08 p.m.; 5:03 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.; 10:58 p.m.
Westbound
10:17 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Kitchener only)
Daily except Sunday and holidays.
b-Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 5:55 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 9:54 a.m.; 7:10 p.m. Sunday only, 8:16 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown, 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily except Sunday and Monday, 1:56 a.m.; Sunday and Monday only, 12:08 a.m.; daily except Sunday, 8:48 a.m., 6:50 p.m., 7:44 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 5:48 p.m. (flagstop); Saturday only 1:38 p.m.; Sunday only 8:43 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only, Flyer at Guelph, 7:05 p.m.

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